AP US History

Chapter 13 Study Guide – The Age of Expansionism

*Chapter Summary*

Seeking cheap land and inspired by the notion that Americans had a “manifest destiny” to stretch across the continent, pioneers by 1830 began to push the edge of settlement to the areas of Texas, the Southwest, and the Pacific Northwest. By 1845, the United States had annexed Texas; negotiated with Britain for half of the Oregon country; and acquired California, Nevada, Utah, and parts of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming as a result of a war with Mexico. America’s dramatic territorial expansion intensified the sectional conflict between North and South and raised the fateful and ultimately divisive issue of whether slavery would be allowed in the western territories.

**Movement to the Far West**

1. Borderlands of the 1830’s
   1. What was meant by the term “Young America?”
   2. What was the Webster-Ashburtin Treaty?
   3. In 1821 what parts of Mexico are current states of the U.S.?
   4. Explain the “secularization act?”
2. The Texas Revolution
   1. Why did Mexican officials encourage U.S. settlers to settle Texas?
   2. Why did friction develop between U.S. settlers and Mexican government?
   3. How did the Mexican government respond to U.S. settlers in Texas?
   4. How did Texans respond to Mexico’s response?
3. The Republic of Texas
   1. Which side did the “Tejano’s” choose to be on?
   2. What happened at the battle of the Alamo?
   3. Why did the Republic of Texas have to wait to be annexed by the U.S.?
4. Trails of Trade and Settlement
   1. How did American merchants travel on trails in the west?
   2. Where did the Oregon Trail take American immigrants?
5. Mormon Trek
   1. Why did Mormon’s leave the east coast?
   2. Where did Mormons finally settle out west?

**Manifest Destiny and the Mexican-American War**

1. Tyler and Texas
   1. Explain the term “Manifest Destiny”
   2. Where did Tyler find a common cause in order to get re-elected in 1844?
   3. What major hurdle stood in the way of annexation of Texas?
2. The Triumph of Polk and Annexation
   1. Looking at the Election results of 1844 at the bottom of the page of 370, what did the Liberty party do to the Whig party?
   2. What was Polk’s platform in the election of 1844?
   3. What was approved only a few days after Polk’s election of 1844?
3. The Doctrine of Manifest Destiny
   1. What were the 3 goals of Manifest Destiny according to John L. O’Sullivan?
4. Polk and the Oregon Question
   1. What was the rally cry for the Oregon territory?
   2. How did Britain and the United States come to an agreement over the border between and Canada and the United States?
5. War with Mexico
   1. Why did Mexico break off relations with the U.S.?
   2. Why did Polk send Taylor into Mexican territory?
   3. Who won the Mexican-American War
6. Settlement of the Mexican-American War
   1. Explain all of the results of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo?
   2. How many square miles did the U.S. obtain from the Mexican-American War?
   3. What was the Gadsden Purchase?
   4. What was a bitter argument that became the legacy of the Mexican-American War?

**Internal Expansionism**

1. The triumph of the Railroad
   1. What transformed the American economy?
   2. Why did the railroads make canals obsolete?
   3. How was the railroad industry financed?
2. The Industrial Revolution Takes Off
   1. What was the essential feature of the emerging mode of production during the Industrial Revolution?
   2. Explain how “division of labor” works?
   3. Give two examples of industrial techniques that revolutionized an industry?
   4. How did technology revolutionize farming?
3. Mass Immigration Begins
   1. In what years did the United States see the largest influx of people from Europe?
   2. Where did most immigrants settle?
   3. Where did most immigrants come from?
   4. What attracted most immigrants to the United States?
   5. How were immigrants perceived in the United States?
4. The New Working Class
   1. Where did most immigrants end up as wageworkers?
   2. How did the dynamic of factory workers change from 1830’s to the 1860’s?
   3. Why was labor reform difficult during the mid 19th century?